IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kaoru SHIMAMURA   Group Art Unit:

Serial No.:   Examiner:

Filed: March 27, 2001

For: EXTERNAL-CHARACTER FONT CREATION SYSTEM AND PROGRAM
         RECORDING MEDIUM THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee for and examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please AMEND claim 11 and ADD new claim 12, as follows:

11.   (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) The program recording medium according to Claim 9, wherein

the program recording medium is further recorded with a program for making the computer achieve

a function of creating a character pattern reference file definition table for defining a master-font file in which a character pattern defined by the master code is referred to among a plurality of master-font files that are classified into types of designs of external-character fonts.

12.   (AS NEW HEREIN) The program recording medium according to Claim 10, wherein

the program recording medium is further recorded with a program for making the computer achieve

a function of creating a character pattern reference file definition table for defining a master-font file in which a character pattern defined by the master code is referred to among a plurality of master-font files that are classified into types of designs of external-character fonts.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to further prosecution of this application by placing same in better form, including eliminating all multiple dependencies from the claims. Accordingly, entry of the Preliminary Amendment and favorable examination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

11.   (ONCE AMENDED) The program recording medium according to Claim 9 [or 10}, wherein

the program recording medium is further recorded with a program for making the computer achieve

a function of creating a character pattern reference file definition table for defining a master-font file in which a character pattern defined by the master code is referred to among a plurality of master-font files that are classified into types of designs of external-character fonts.

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the program recording medium is further recorded with a program for making the computer achieve

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